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Descriptive Catalogue

of

VARIETIES OF
EXCEPTIONAL
QUALITY



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WHAT varieties of grapes shall we plant now in the great valleys? This question appears as a difficult problem to solve. In making a rapid survey of the table grape industry we find that a few varieties are grown on a large scale and are considered as standard shipping varieties. They are the Thompson Seedless (primarily a raisin grape), the Malaga, the Tokay, the Emperor and the Cornichon. All are midseason and late ripening grapes. However, according to the climate of a locality or region, a midseason grape may become an early ripening grape. Generally this change in the ripening period is accompanied by a decrease in the quality of the fruit, but this does not prevent early fruit from bringing high returns. Earliness then pays. But do we really grow early varieties to some extent? No! If the market is well supplied with midseason and late grapes, it is not so with early grapes of quality. I believe that the table grape industry can be yet developed along this line and that early table grapes of good quality—that is, to say—attractive in size, shape, color, flavor and with good shipping qualities, are those from which the best results can be expected.

Earliness in raisin grapes, accompanied with quality in the fruit, is a point well worth considering. An early raisin variety is an insurance in drying. Or right selection among interesting late table grapes is also a factor that leads to success.

With these ideas in mind, I am offering you rooted vines and cuttings of about a dozen varieties of table grapes of great promise and one exceedingly high class raisin grape.

All these varieties have been tried in this region and have given very gratifying results.

For your future success in the vineyard business read the description following, which is complete and accurate.

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DESCRIPTION *of* GRAPE VARIETIES



RIBIER—(Gros Guillaume erroneously). A rare but extremely interesting variety. Vine a strong grower. Bunches medium to large, conical, well filled. Berries very large, obovoid flattened, black, of a pleasing flavor, pulpy, and adhering strongly to stems. A remarkable variety, with good shipping qualities. Ripens in July in the San Joaquin valley. A good bearer with spur pruning.

DIZMAR—A Persian grape. Vine very vigorous. Bunches large, conical, loose to well filled. Berries medium, ovoid, amber color, of an agreeable flavor, crisp and adhering well to stems. A pretty white grape, and a very good shipper. Ripens very early. Adapted to loam soils and warm climate. Demands cane pruning.

BLACK MONUKKA—A new grape from Persia. Vine very vigorous. Bunches very large, cylindroidal winged; loose to well filled. Berries medium; almost cylindroidal, red or purplish black, neutral in flavor, pulpy and practically seedless. Adherence to stems weak. A dual purpose grape. A fairly good shipping table grape, but eminently a raisin grape. Ripens earlier than Thompson Seedless. Bears well with spur pruning.

OLIVETTE BLANCH—A rather new and interesting table grape. Vine a strong grower. Bunches large, ovoid elongated, white, neutral in flavor, pulpy, and adhering strongly to stems. A beautiful grape, with fine shipping qualities. A midseason grape. Fertility good with half long canes.

PAYKANI—A Persian grape. Vine vigorous and spreading. Bunches medium, conical, and well filled. Berries large, ovoid elongated, red, of an agreeable taste, crisp but slightly juicy. Adherence to stem weak. Very attractive grape, with fair shipping qualities. Ripens early with the Black Monukka. Bears well with cane pruning.

MUSCAT ALBARDIENS—A new Black Muscat. Vine of average vigor. Bunches medium, conical, well filled. Berries medium, spherical, black with a fine Muscat flavor, slightly juicy and with medium adherence to stems. An interesting Muscat, with fair shipping qualities. Ripens early and bears well with spur pruning.



MOLINERA (Red Malaga)—A grape of Spanish origin. Vine vigorous. Bunches large, conical and loose. Berries large, spherical, bright red, of a pleasing taste, crisp and adhering firmly to stems. An attractive red grape of early ripening period. Possesses good shipping qualities. Bears good crops with spur pruning.

OHANEZ—The well known Spanish shipping grape. Vine very vigorous. Bunches large, pyramidal, loose to well filled. Berries large, cylindroidal elongated, greenish white, of a neutral flavor, pulpy and adhering strongly to stems. Variety particularly adapted for packing in drums, for late marketing. A very late grape, ripening in October. Bears well, especially when trained on high trellises.

OLIVETTE DE VENDEMIAN—A very promising late shipping grape. Vine vigorous. Bunches large, conical, loose to well filled. Berries large, ellipsoidal elongated, greenish white, of a neutral flavor, pulpy and adhering strongly to stems. An attractive very late grape, well adapted for packing in drums, in redwood or fir sawdust. Ripens in October. Vine bears well with spur pruning.

HUNISA—A new and very promising late shipping grape. Bunches very large, conical elongated, loose. Berries very large, cylindroidal, elongated, red or purplish black, of a neutral flavor, pulpy and with strong adherence to stems. A very attractive and decorative grape. A very good shipper and keeper. Ripens very late in October. A very fertile vine with spur pruning.

HENAB—Vine a strong grower. Bunches large, cylindroidal elongated, and always loose. Berries large, obovoid, red with abundant bloom, neutral in flavor, pulpy and adhering firmly to stems. A decorative grape and a good shipper. Ripens in October. Bears well with spur pruning.

DATTIER—A very fine variety for the table. Vine a strong grower. Bunches large, conical shouldered, well filled. Berries very large, ellipsoidal elongated, yellowish green, of a pleasing flavor, slightly juicy, and fairly adhering to stems. A delicious grape of mid-season ripening period, with fair shipping qualities. A good bearer with half long canes.

RISH BABA—Commonly known as the "Lady Finger". A Persian grape. Vine very vigorous. Bunches large, ovoid elongated, very loose. Berries large, almost cylindroidal, yellowish green, of a neutral flavor, slightly juicy with thin skin, and with a medium adherence to stems. A very attractive grape, ripening very early, and with fair shipping qualities. Vine must be pruned with canes.



ROOTED VINES AND CUTTINGS

Price List

Ribier

Black Monukka

Dizmar

Olivette Blanche

| | Each | 10 | 100 | 1000 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Rooted Vines..... | \$.50 | \$3.00 | \$20.00 | \$100.00 |
| Cuttings..... | .10 | .60 | 4.00 | 20.00 |

Paykani

Muscat Albardiens

Hunisa

Henab

Molinera (Red Malaga)

Olivette de Vendemian

Ohanez

Dattier

Rish Baba

| | Each | 10 | 100 | 1000 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Rooted Vines..... | \$.25 | \$1.50 | \$10.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| Cuttings..... | .05 | .30 | 2.00 | 10.00 |

5 or over is at the 10 rate.

50 or over is at the 100 rate.

300 or over is at the 1000 rate.

Five of a variety will be supplied at the 10 rate, 50 or over at the 100 rate, and 300 or over at the 1000 rate.

All quotations are subject to change without notice.

Acceptance of order subject to stock being unsold when order is received.

TERMS: 20 per cent with order; balance at time of shipment. C. O. D. orders will be filled providing 50 per cent of amount is sent with the order.

GUARANTEE: I will exercise care to have all stock true to name; nevertheless it is understood and agreed that should any stock prove untrue to name, that I shall be liable for the sum paid for the stock which may prove untrue, and shall not be liable in any greater amount.

All nursery stock will be very carefully packed for shipment to insure it arriving in good condition.

Only first quality Rooted Vines and Cuttings will be shipped.

This nursery stock is grown in a Phylloxera-free district and will be accepted by your Horticultural Commissioner without being dipped.

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